



EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT A ORCHID

the
**HIT
LIST
AGENDA**

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"AN ORCHID BY ANY OTHER NAME...
IS JUST AS DEADLY."

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The story so far...

Executive Assistant Orchid is a loyal and efficient servant to the Cordova drug cartel—as well as a vital tool in their brutal means of commerce. However, the daunting strains of business and protecting an empire threatened by rival families and enterprises of unlimited power may be too much for one highly capable Executive Assistant alone. Meanwhile, what role does the mysterious and wealthy Mr. Villone play in this deadly fight for control in South America? The answers may spell the end for Orchid, as the Hit List Agenda continues...



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"I AM SURE I DON'T
HAVE TO TELL YOU HOW
EXPENSIVE THEY ARE.

"THESE EXECUTIVE
ASSISTANTS.

"WOMEN WHO HAVE BEEN
TRAINED, SOMETIMES
SINCE BIRTH, TO BE AT
ONCE EFFECTIVE AS
ADMINISTRATIVE
ATTACHES--

"--AS WELL AS SOME
OF THE MOST HIGHLY
SKILLED AND RUTHLESS
ASSASSINS IN THE
WORLD.



"BUT
APPARENTLY
YOU KNOW
THAT.

"BECAUSE IT IS VERY
CLEAR-- AFTER WHAT
HAPPENED THAT NIGHT--
THAT SOMEHOW...

...YOU HAVE
ONE OF YOUR
OWN."

"IT WAS THREE WEEKS AGO."

"IN THE CITY OF CARTAGNA."

"MY PEOPLE WERE PREPARING A SHIPMENT OF... PRODUCT... TO THE STATES."

"MY PEOPLE... AND MY BROTHER."

IT NEVER FAILS.

EVERY TIME WE FILL AN ORDER THIS LARGE, I CRUNCH THE NUMBERS--

--AND FOR THE LIFE OF ME, I NEVER UNDERSTAND WHY MY FAMILY DOESN'T SIMPLY CASH OUT OF THIS VILE BUSINESS.

THAT IS CERTAINLY A BRAINTEASER, PEDRO.

PERHAPS IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE POWER THAT MONEY WIELDS.

MAYBE, CIGATRIZ, BUT...

...ALL THE MONEY IS WORTHLESS IF YOU ARE NOT ALIVE TO SPEND IT.

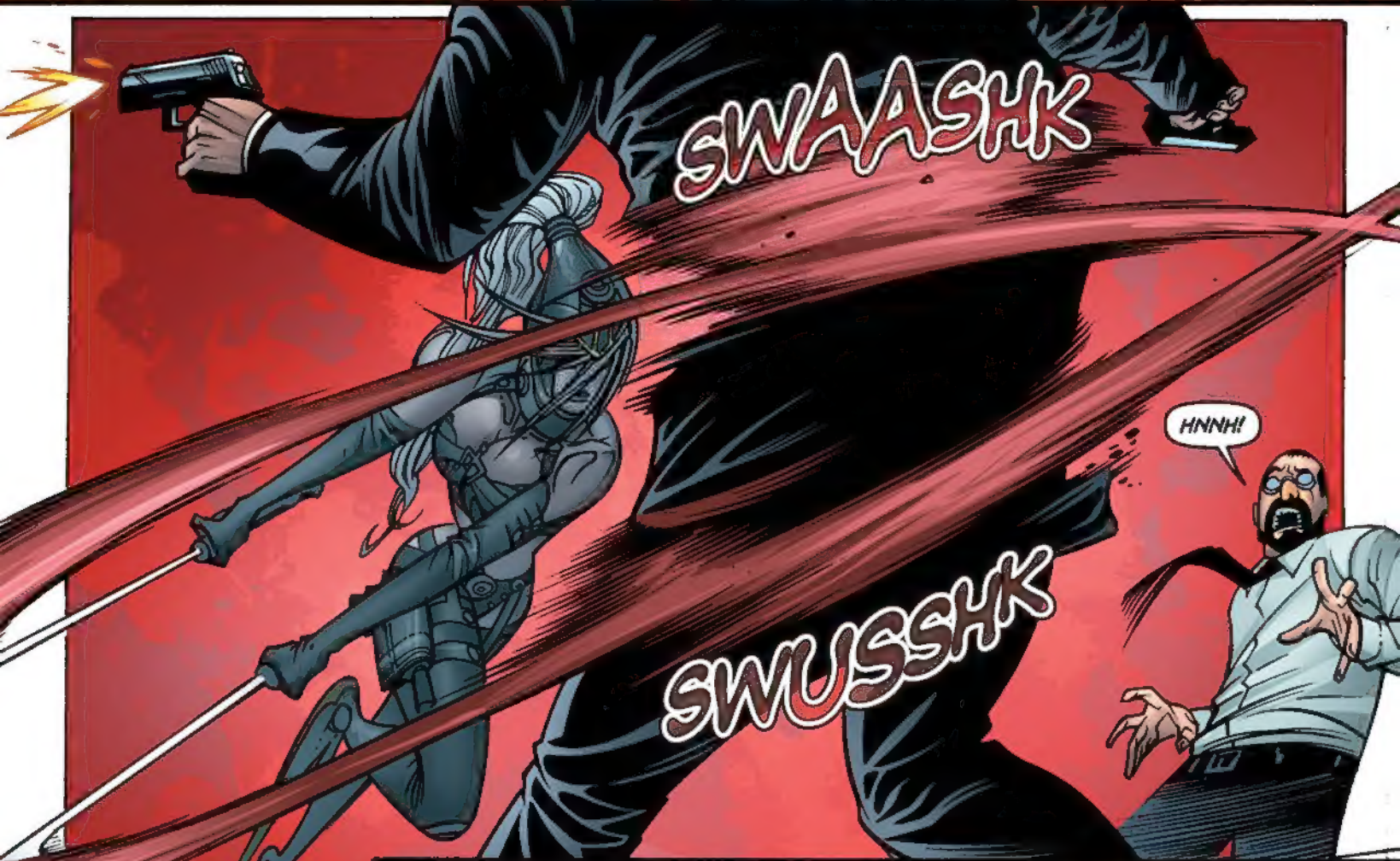
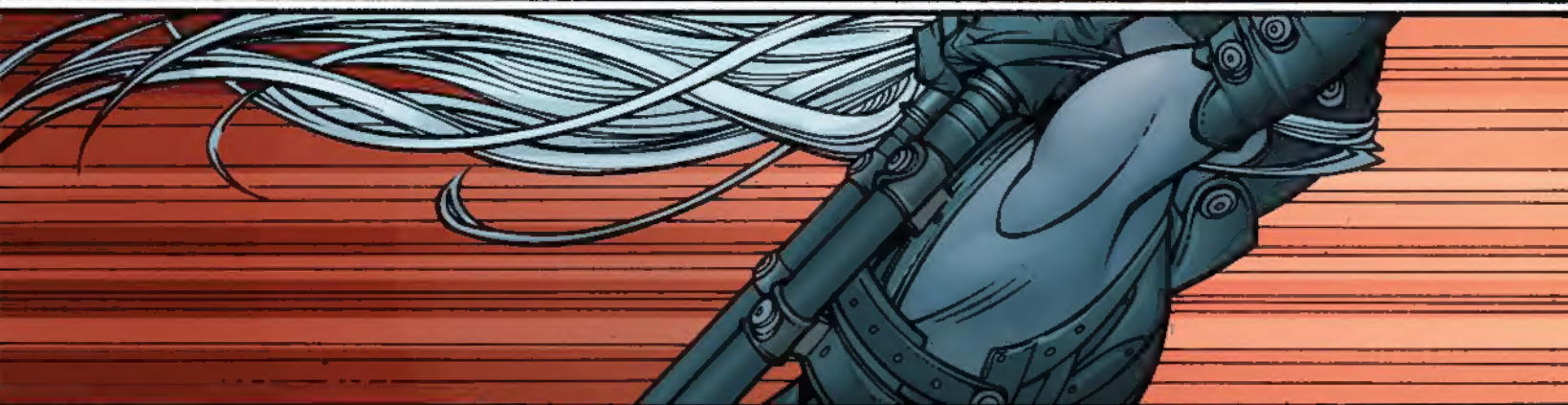
THAT IS WHY YOUR BROTHER HOLDS MY TALENTS IN SUCH HIGH REGARD--

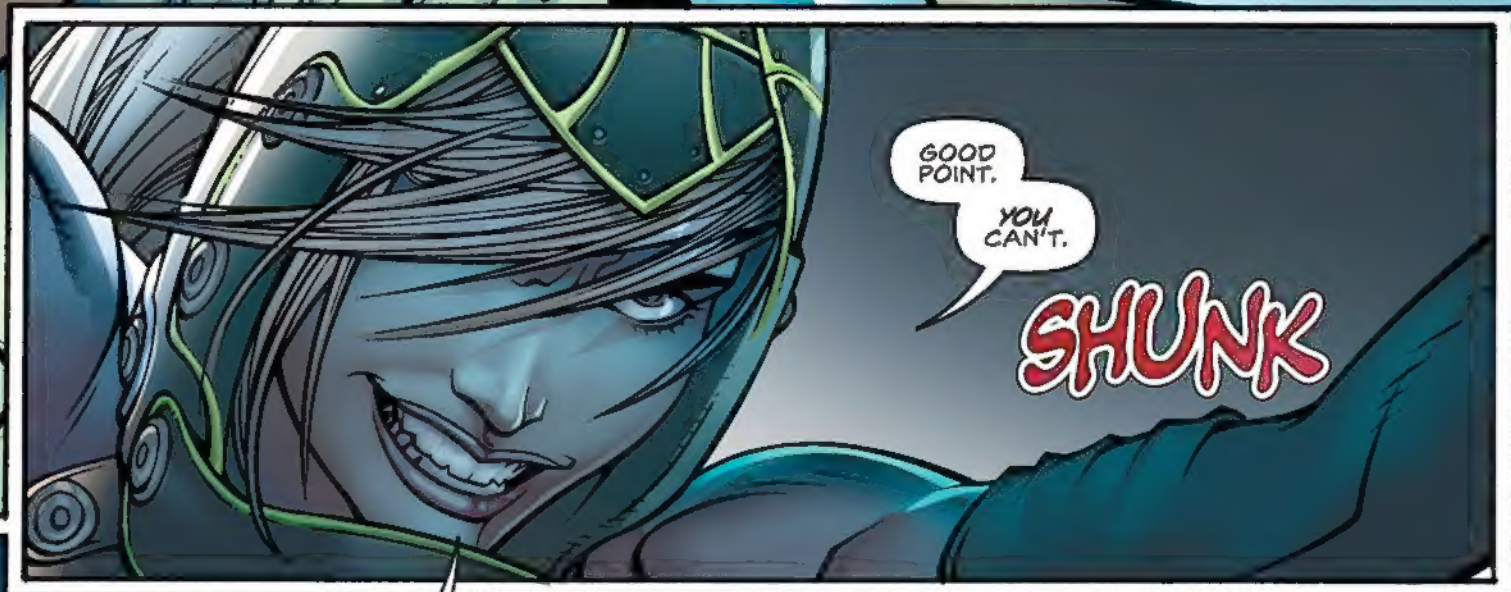
--BECAUSE HE TRUSTS ME TO KEEP YOU ALIVE.

"IMPOSSIBLY..."

"...IT WAS
OVER BEFORE
IT BEGAN."







...WE'VE
COME TO
THIS.

P-PLEASE...

WH-WHAT
DOES ANY OF
THIS H-HAVE -KAK!-
TO DO WITH
M-ME?

PLEASE,
MR. UPWORTH.
CLEARLY YOU ARE
NOT LONG OF
THIS EARTH...



...DON'T SPEND
WHAT LITTLE TIME YOU
HAVE LEFT *INSULTING* ME
ANY MORE THAN YOU
AND YOUR COMPANY
ALREADY HAS.

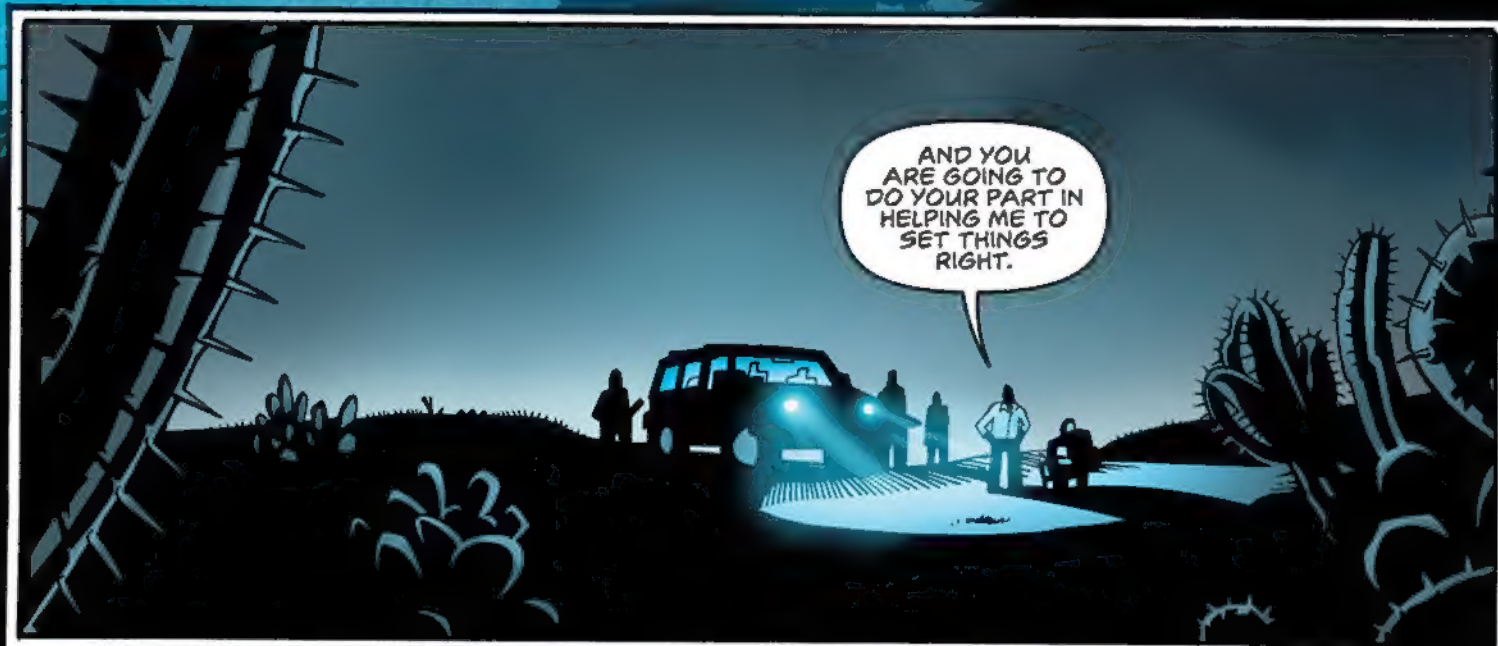
I'VE NEVER
HEARD OF
YOU PEOPLE,
H-HONEST.


THERE
MUST BE A
MISUNDERSTANDING,
PLEASE!

CLEARLY.



AND YOU
ARE GOING TO
DO YOUR PART IN
HELPING ME TO
SET THINGS
RIGHT.





THE PEOPLE I
WORK FOR? THEY
AREN'T GOING TO
TAKE THIS LYING
DOWN.

IF
ANYTHING
HAPPENS
TO ME--



OF COURSE
SOMETHING'S
GOING TO HAPPEN
TO YOU, VANCE.

LOTS OF
LITTLE, PAINFUL
SOMETHINGS.

NOW, PRAY
QUIETLY TO
YOURSELF...

FLITCH



...UNTIL
WE HEAR
BACK FROM
ORCHID.

TEXAS

SPECIFICALLY,
AN UNDISCLOSED
LOCATION.

ONE OF THOSE PLACES WHERE
THE RICH AND POWERFUL MEET TO
PLOT AND EXECUTE EVERYTHING
FROM GLOBAL FINANCIAL
MELTDOWNS--

-- TO SOMETHING
AS SIMPLE AS
THE OVERTHROW
OF A HOSTILE
GOVERNMENT.

HA HA HA!
"HE NEVER JOINED
THE C.I.A.!"
HA HA!

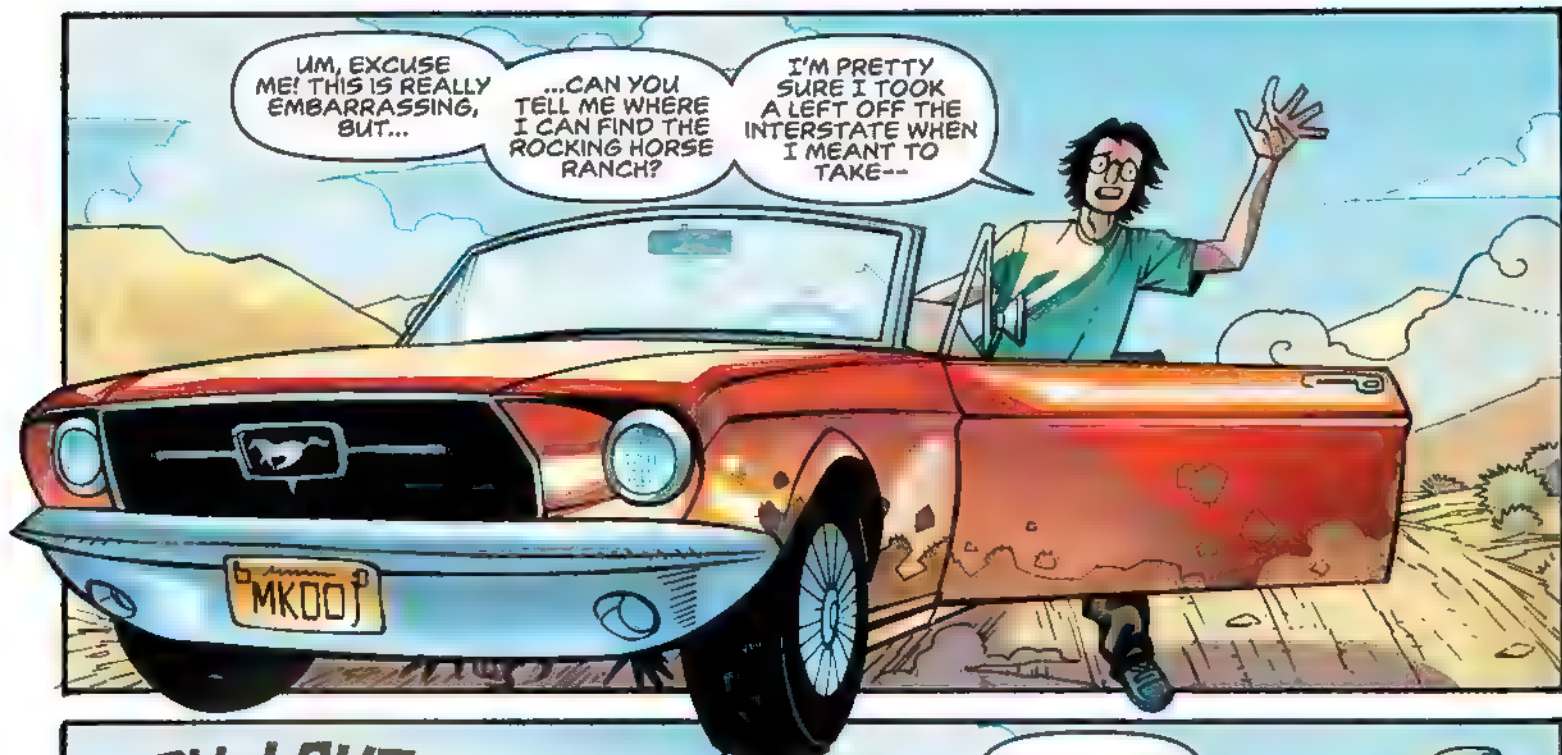
TOO
FUNNY!

RIGHT? AND
I'M USUALLY BAD
AT TELLING
JOKES!

WE
EXPECTING
VISITORS?

NOT A
ONE.

WRRMM



UM, EXCUSE ME! THIS IS REALLY EMBARRASSING, BUT...

...CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE I CAN FIND THE ROCKING HORSE RANCH?

I'M PRETTY SURE I TOOK A LEFT OFF THE INTERSTATE WHEN I MEANT TO TAKE--

CH-LAKT
CH-LAKT

---A RIGHT?

YOU ARE TRESPASSING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY!

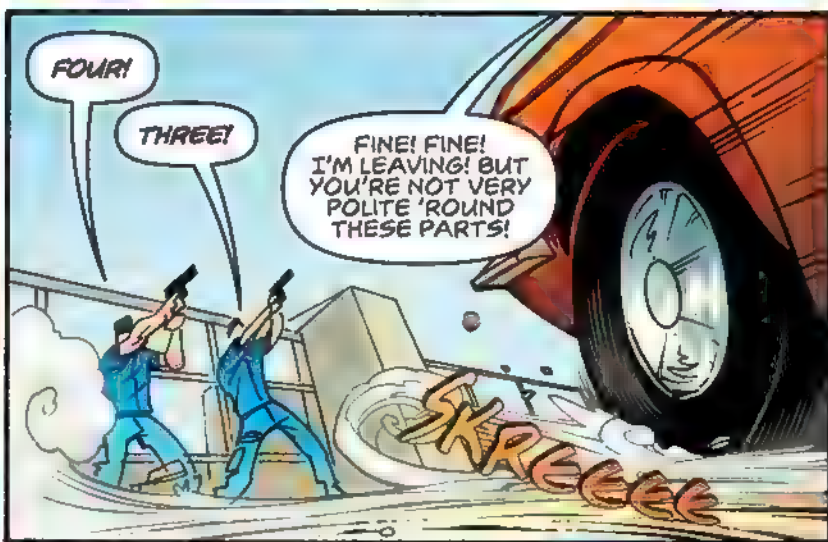
WE HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO USE DEADLY FORCE AGAINST ALL INTRUDERS!



"INTRUDER?!?"
I'M NOT AN--

VACATE THESE PREMISES, NOW!

YOU HAVE FIVE SECONDS!

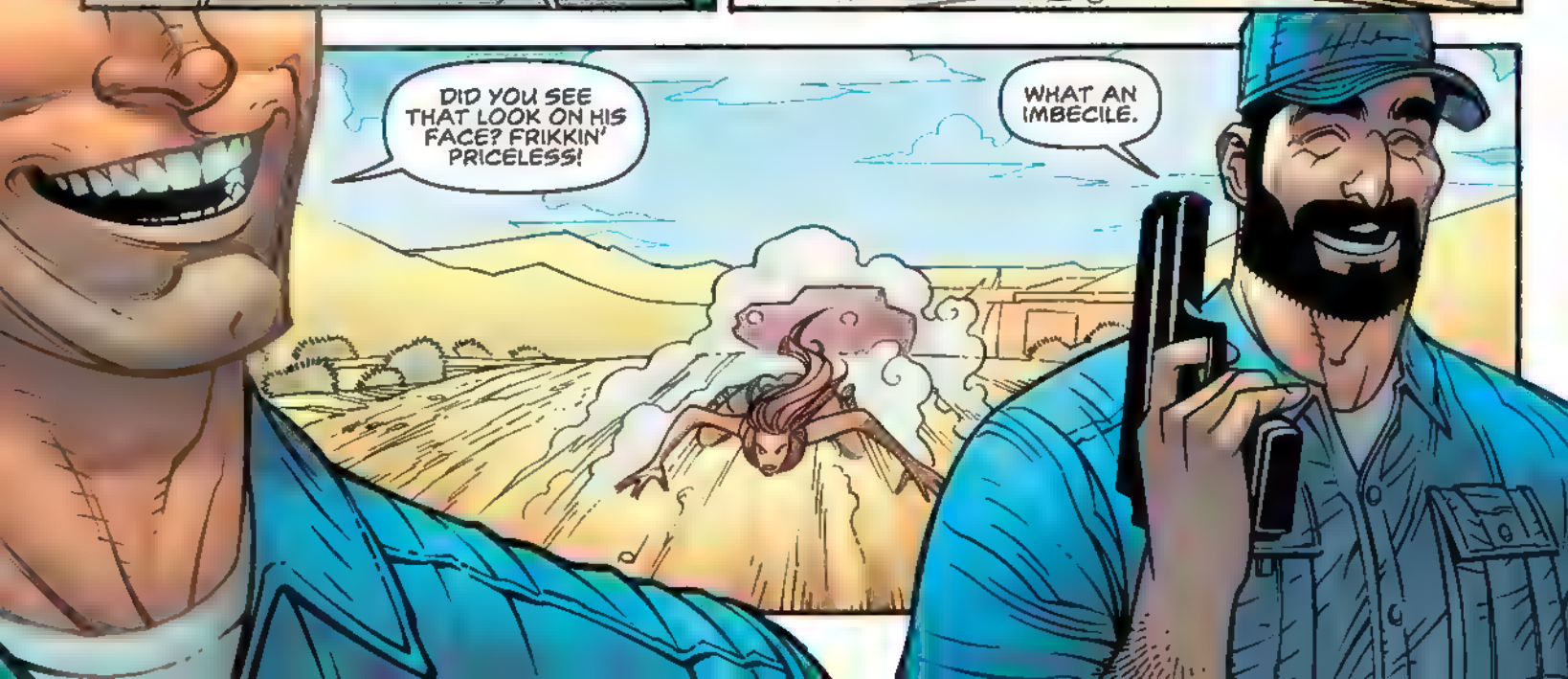


FOUR!

THREE!

FINE! FINE!
I'M LEAVING! BUT YOU'RE NOT VERY POLITE 'ROUND THESE PARTS!

SKREEEE



DID YOU SEE THAT LOOK ON HIS FACE? FRIKKIN' PRICELESS!

WHAT AN IMBECILE.




UHGN!

UMPT!


PFFT

PFFT



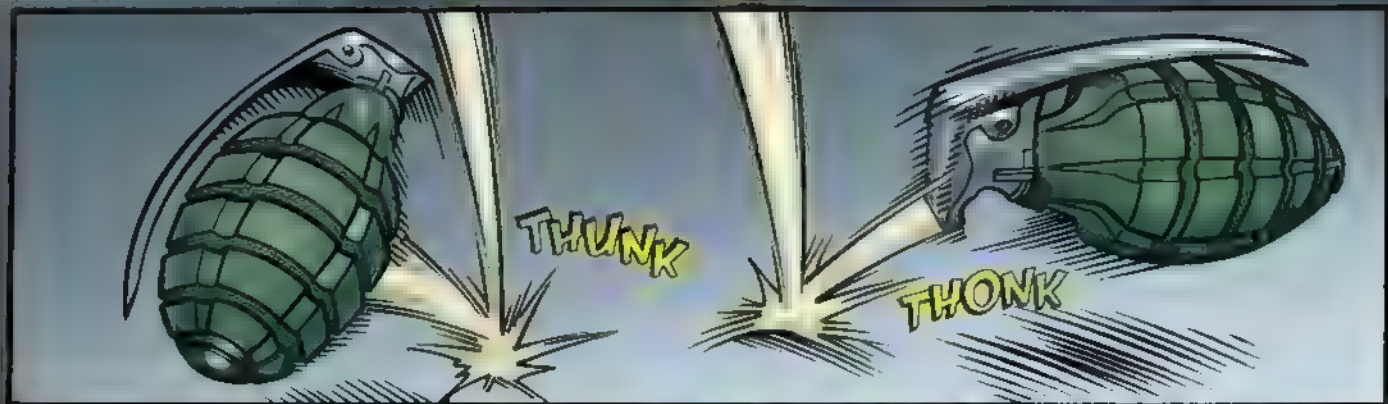
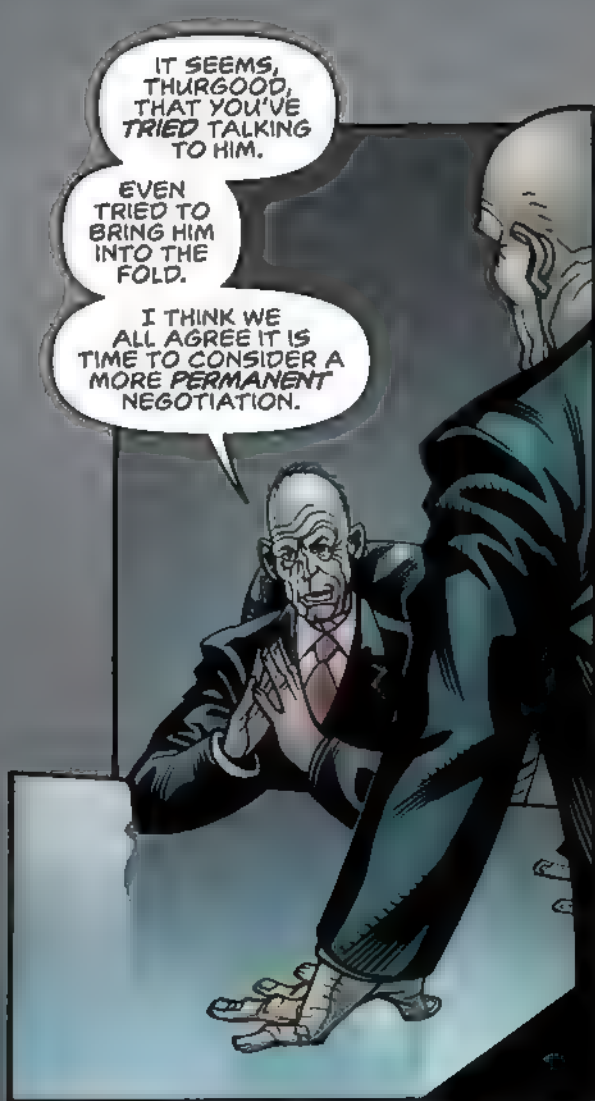
I DON'T HAVE
TO TELL YOU THAT
OUR OPERATIONS
HAVE BEEN HIT IN
THE MIDDLE EAST
AND EAST
ASIA.

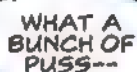
THE SUDDEN
TURMOIL IN THOSE
PARTS OF THE WORLD
HAS BEEN NOTHING SHORT
OF DEVASTATING TO
OUR BUSINESS
VENTURES.




BUT HANDS
DOWN, OUR BIGGEST
PROBLEM IS RAMOS
CORDOVA AND HIS DRUG
RUNNING CARTEL
SOUTH OF THE
BORDER.

I'M ENTERTAINING
ANY SUGGESTIONS.





POBOOOOON!



WE WERE TRAINED
TO CELEBRATE EACH
TIME SOMEONE DIED
AT OUR HANDS.

A JOB WELL
DONE.

BUT I CAN'T
REMEMBER A TIME
I FELT PRIDE.

OR JOY.

OR
ANYTHING
AT ALL.

HOW MANY DEAD?
A DOZEN? TONIGHT
ALONE. AND I'M
NOT EVEN DONE.



STRIKE
THAT.

PERFECT.

CK-CLIK

I CAN STILL FEEL
REVALSION.



UNTIL NOW.

FROM TONIGHT ONWARD,
I'M TAKING MY LIFE INTO
MY OWN HANDS.

MINE AND
OTHERS.

I'VE SHED TOO MUCH
BLOOD TO LEAVE THIS WORLD
FOR A BETTER PLACE.

BUT WHILE I AM HERE, I CAN
DO THE MOST GOOD I CAN.

THE IRONY IS THAT
THEY TRAINED ME
TOO WELL.

TOO WELL TO
STOP ME.

I'M
IMPRESSED,
ORCHID.

--?!

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W
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O
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K
S
W
I
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K

THUMP THUMP

THUMP THU--





IRIS,

I HAD HEARD
YOU WERE
DEAD.

AND I WAS LEAD TO
BELIEVE YOU WERE THE
PERFECT EXECUTIVE
ASSISTANT.

APPARENTLY
WE WERE **BOTH**
WRONG.

WHO KNOWS...?

PERHAPS I'LL
GET MY WISH.

MAYBE I'LL
DIE TONIGHT
AFTER ALL.

TO BE CONCLUDED!
EXECUTIVE
ASSISTANT: ORCHID #3
THE HIT LIST AGENDA

Aspen's Executive Assistant
Event Continues!

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**NO ALLIES MEANS
NO HOLDING
BACK!**

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PRELUDE

EA: IRIS #0

PART ONE

EA: IRIS #1

EA: ORCHID #1

EA: LOTUS #1

EA: VIOLET #1

PART TWO

EA: IRIS #2

EA: ORCHID #2

EA: LOTUS #2

EA: VIOLET #2

PART THREE

EA: IRIS #3

EA: ORCHID #3

EA: LOTUS #3

EA: VIOLET #3

PART FOUR

EA: IRIS #4

PART FIVE

EA: IRIS #5



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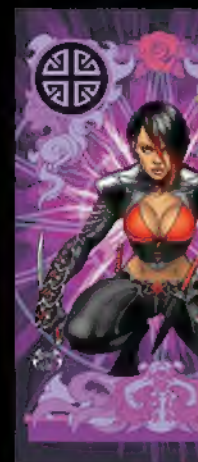
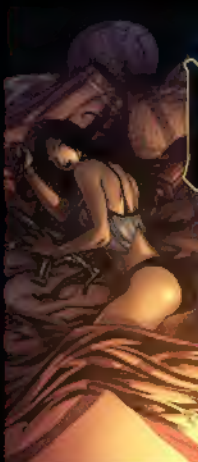
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